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Honorable Christine Kehoe
State Capitol, Room 3086
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RE: SB 1833 (Kehoe) Support

Dear Senator Kehoe:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your SB 1833, which would repeal Public Utilities (P.U.) Code section 390.

As you know, P.U. Code section 390 was established by AB 1890 (Chapter 854, Statutes of 1996) to ensure that electrical utilities purchase power from qualifying facilities at just and reasonable rates as set forth by Congress in the Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA) of 1978. In 2001, the California Power Exchange ceased market operations, making the aforementioned purchase of power process and code section obsolete.

Your bill would begin the process of providing the California Public Utilities Commission with more flexibility to implement PURPA. The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your efforts and looks forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Matthew Marcus our Legislative Director at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Appling, Director
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